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In re Application of )  
Shibin Zhou et al. )  
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For: **HUMAN FAST-1 GENE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examining the continuation application which is filed concurrently herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6 insert:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/521,109, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/113,309, filed July 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,110,738.--

**At page 6, line 18, after "hFAST-1" insert --(SEQ ID NO:2)--.**

**At page 6, line 19, after "homolog" insert --(SEQ ID NO:19)--.**

**At page 6, line 20, after "219" insert --(SEQ ID NO:19)--.**

**At page 6, line 21, after "506" insert --(SEQ ID NO:19)--.**

**Delete pages 29-41, renumber pages 42-48 as pages 29-35. Add the new Sequence Listing at the end of the application.**